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## **Garcia to participate in national security seminar**

**Lansing** –This week, 175 select individuals from across the nation including Sen. Valde Garcia, R-Howell, were chosen to attend the demanding 2004 Reserve Components National Security Course.

The course entails class work related to national security procedures and are designed to increase awareness of the national security process. An emphasis will be placed on national and world defense environments and their influence on national security, including political factors, economic conditions, trends, resources, force management and information management.

"I am honored to be one of the Reserve Components National Security Course members," said Garcia. "The training I will receive there will help me gain a better understanding of how our homeland security operations work in the United States and throughout the world."

While at the seminar, Sen. Garcia will attend lectures, seminars and presentations dealing with national security policy and defense resource management. These classes will be taught by faculty members from the National Defense University. In addition to the course work described, Garcia will have the opportunity to tour the Pentagon and view events on Capitol Hill.

The course will occur in late July and take nearly two weeks to complete.

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